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Have you enemies? Go straight on and don't mind them. If they get in your way, walk round them regardless of their spite. A man who has no enemies is seldom good for anything; he is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked that every one has a hand in it. A sterling character is one who thinks for himself, and speaks what he thinks; he is always sure to have enemies. They are as necessary to him as fresh air; they keep him alive and active.—Anonymous.

"IF WE DESIRE TO SECURE PEACE."

"I cannot recommend to your notice measures for the fulfillment of our duties to the rest of the world, without again pressing upon you the necessity of placing ourselves in a condition of complete defense, and of exacting from them the fulfillment of their duties towards us. The United States ought not to indulge in a persuasion, that, contrary to the order of human events, they will, forever, keep at a distance those painful appeals to arms, with which the history of every other nation abounds. There is a rank due to the United States among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."—From speech of President Washington to Congress, December 3, 1793.

THE LIQUOR LAW INTERPRETED.

It is not the opinion of the attorney-general on the liquor license law that deals a blow to the Pleasanton Hotel license. The attorney-general sets forth the meaning of the law and if the petition for the Pleasanton license is not valid under the ruling, the blow is dealt not by the attorney-general but by the men and women who refuse to appear on the application. And that is just how the blow should be dealt.

The Star-Bulletin has reason to know that the Anti-Saloon League does not regard the opinion as favorable to its view of the license law. We should not regard the opinion as "favorable" to either side but as a broad-minded and impartial interpretation of the law itself. If the Pleasanton application is insufficiently signed, under the attorney-general's ruling, that shows the lack of sentiment in favor of an open bar in the residence district.

The opinion clears up several knotty questions. It also makes several comments worth remembering. Here is one:

"Those signing stand in the position of voters for that particular neighborhood and are presumed to consider its welfare and not alone financial benefits to the particular individual voting. The legislature might well have given this power to the bona fide residents in the particular neighborhood or heads of families or some other class as is often done; objections to these other classes at once suggest themselves at least to one who has seen the amount of litigation over whether a district was 'packed' with so-called residents for the purpose of establishing a saloon. It may be that the legislature considered the holders of real estate as constituting a more reliable, stable class than the mere residents, and more likely to vote for the real interest of the neighborhood."

MR. WICKERSHAM'S PUBLIC SPIRIT.

George W. Wickersham, attorney-general under the last Republican administration, was one of the comparatively few men who left President Taft's cabinet with enhanced reputations. He has been out of the limelight for two years but he may soon reenter public life in New York state's administration.

It is reported that Governor-elect Charles S. Whitman has offered Mr. Wickersham the post of attorney-general of the state. The report moves the New York World—staunchly Democratic—to praise Mr. Wickersham in the following glowing terms:

"That Mr. Whitman tendered the office of district attorney to former Attorney-general Wickersham is almost too good to be true. That Mr. Wickersham should seriously consider accepting the position, if his private arrangements permit, is even better news. It is not solely a question of the appointment of a man of the former attorney-general's exceptional qualifications and distinguished record, but by seeking to impress Mr. Wickersham into the

public service Mr. Whitman has created a standard in filling the offices within his gift as governor that promises well.

"One of the greatest difficulties that beset the governor of New York is to secure men who are really fit and qualified to discharge the duties of the important offices to which he must make appointments. The reluctance of the professional or business man of high standing, who must make heavy sacrifices in serving a brief term of office, works steadily to the advantage of the job-hunter class. At least they are always available in unlimited numbers for any emergency.

"Mr. Wickersham's willingness on any terms to be district attorney no doubt will amaze many lawyers with a lucrative practice and strike them as a needless exhibition of self-denial. But if there were more men of the same sense of responsibility there would be less reason to complain of the shortcomings of the state government."

Hawaii remembers with pleasure Mr. Wickersham's visit here nearly two years ago. His brief utterances showed his sturdy, discerning opinions on public issues. He is one of the ablest men that ever sat in a presidential cabinet and one of the great lawyers of the generation who has consistently been willing to sacrifice personal gain for public service.

THE PROHIBITION VOTE IN CONGRESS.

That national prohibition should count as its advocates a majority of the members of the lower house of Congress in the vote last night is distinctly encouraging.

Most of the prohibition workers had no faith and little hope that the Hobson resolution could pass Congress at this session. It was felt that a majority of the house might vote in favor of it, but a canvass several weeks ago had shown that the chances of a two-thirds vote for the measure were slight.

The fight has barely started in Congress. It took many years to get up momentum on the income tax amendment and almost as long a road was travelled by the amendment providing for the direct election of senators.

After the prohibition resolution passes Congress, it must, of course, go to the states for ratification. With the progress that state-wide prohibition is now making, there is no doubt of ultimate triumph for the "dry" cause. Local option is steadily cutting down the "wet" territory; four states recently voted "dry" and now 192 members of the lower house have lined up in the prohibition column. The big liquor interests are already revising their expected "length of life." Three or four years ago they admitted that the United States might be "dry" in 20 years; two years ago some of them were inclined to believe the booze business would be wiped out in 15 years; now the time remaining for them is set at ten years and many of the big brewers and distillers are getting out of the business as rapidly as possible, foreseeing the ultimate destruction of the industry of intoxication.

The outgoing board of supervisors has passed up to its successors the question of continuing the appropriation for the Hawaii Promotion Committee. By all means it should be continued. The new board, we are confident, will view the matter in the same light.

Supervisor-elect Hollinger returns from California with some useful ideas. We hope the caucus will not "lay the cold hand of death" upon all of them.

Some of the war-stories from the western battle-line indicate that those fine old French roads aren't what they're cracked up to be.

The price of sugar yesterday made a coy retreat but it may be depended upon to advance presently if properly induced.

The Matson line is preparing to add a new steamer to its fleet—proof of the businessman's faith in Hawaii's future.

Unless all signs fail, the tourist season this winter and next spring should break all records. Let 'em break!

That report of the shooting of Lieut. George Cornwallis-West needs a lot of confirmation.

Europe is rapidly diminishing Uncle Sam's need for a big army.

LETTERS AND TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

"UNPREPAREDNESS."

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—Pardon me for using a decidedly slang phrase, but this hot air talk of the unpreparedness of the public of the United States for defense in case of war gives me that tired feeling. There seems to be a bunch of near statesmen floating round in the District of Columbia that takes an insane delight in repeated efforts to convince this country that the whole territory over which floats "Old Glory" is in imminent danger of invasion and that such invasion would place us in a most degrading position, and they let loose a great big howl that the country should be put on a war footing and predict all kinds of humiliation for the country unless this is done. To hear them spout of the helplessness of the United States would make one think that Mexico seemed a "haven of refuge" as compared with this "puny upstart" of an American republic. Still it might be well to say, in passing, that we have guns that outrange those of the new German and British battleships, and a demonstration of the accuracy of the "man behind the gun" was clearly shown a few days ago when a target, placed at four or five miles distant, was completely demolished by the very first shot from one of the 14-inch guns of the local coast defense, and that after dark, too. Records equally as good are being made at other coast forts along the Atlantic and Pacific shores. Then we have ships, only "piles of floating junk," according to these near statesmen, but pictured in

the pictorial papers of the world as the greatest fighting machines on the face of the earth today. Funny, isn't it? Then we have some submarines drifting around at the different stations, a few samples are in Honolulu harbor and ready for anything that comes their way, but the unpreparedness need would have us believe that only one of the large number in commission is fit to go to sea. Many of our largest fighting machines fairly bristle with torpedo tubes, but apparently there are only a couple of torpedoes in readiness to shoot through these tubes. That's a fact, of course. There's no getting away from that. The Atlantic and Pacific coasts have "just a few" batteries scattered here and there that somewhat resemble Battery Harlow at Diamond Head, and can drop their little bullets with about the same accuracy as does Battery Harlow, and to this can be added a few score of disappearing guns, still we are told that Bolivia might come right over here and get us any old time unless we "stock up" along the fighting machine line.

Then these war jingoes say that we have only an army of 50,000 men available, and that they have only enough ammunition to last a couple of rounds. What a terrible state to be in. I have looked every day for a statement from these near statesmen to the effect that our army is armed with old flint locks.

What an easy mark we are for anybody who wants a big, helpless republic. They might come and get us a la Kamehameha.

Then, again, for the last few years we have always been on the point of an invasion from some power but nobody seems to know which one was going to do the invading. Of course we all stand ready to throw up our hands the instant we see any smoke over the horizon. Oh, we're defenseless, all right. It would be a shame for any nation to take us we would be so easy.

EASY MARK.

BRITAIN RENTED STRATEGIC ISLE TO THE GERMANS

[Associated Press] LONDON, England.—One of the strangest stories that has been given birth by the great war is that of the island of Herm, the leasing of which to a German company was recently discussed in the House of Commons. The lease has been terminated, and British troops are billeted on the island, but the question is still being asked, why was England so lax as to rent for a song an island larger than Heligoland, within an hour's steaming of English shores?

Herm is one of the lesser channel islands and at one time supported a considerable population. It is a beautiful spot, with an attractive shell beach. In 1889 it was leased by the crown for \$70 a year to the "West Bank Lignite, Ltd.," which in turn leased it to Prince Blucher von Wahlstatt, a descendant of the illustrious Blucher of Waterloo and himself a German. The prince and his family lived quietly for years in the manor house on the island, incurring the great displeasure of those who sought to ramble over the place by closing all save one narrow pathway on the beach and plastering about many warnings to trespassers.

Children were born to the princess there—she is of the Russian royal family—and one of these, a boy, became a naturalized British subject. At no time was the prince suspected of using his home in any operations against England; but when the war broke out the matter became one of natural agitation culminating in the home secretary being asked for an explanation by Sir William Bull.

The explanation was brief. The government knew the name of the German company holding the lease, it was moreover that the rent was about five shillings six pence a week; that steps had been taken to cancel this document, that for some weeks British troops had been on the island. Whether Prince Blucher and family had moved from the Manor House was not made clear.

The popular outcry against the prince, in the opinion of the London press generally, is unjustified; but the Times remarks rather sarcastically that the public might be told a little more about the German company which was able to acquire so cheaply so much good farm and pasture land, together with numerous cottages, not to mention the manor house. It also is pointed out that the island is in

FORBES WOULD ABOLISH N. G. H. RIFLE RANGE

After careful investigation and the preparation of a map showing the situation in plain detail Chairman Charles R. Forbes today submitted a report to the board of harbor commissioners recommending the abolition of the National Guard rifle range at Kakaako. He declares that in its present location the range is a menace to virtually all shipping passing in and out of Honolulu harbor and places the entire anchorage outside the harbor in the danger zone.

Forbes' inspection and report is the aftermath of the controversy which arose between Col. J. W. Jones of the National Guard and Harbormaster Foster several weeks ago, following a complaint by the captain of the Kiyo Maru that bullets had struck his vessel while the ship was at anchor just outside the harbor.

The harbor commission chairman advises that the rifle range be shifted entirely to some other point; he makes no recommendation of another site, but goes state in emphatic terms that as situated at present the range fixes a danger zone extending fully 2000 yards seaward and so wide that its west side is right at the spar buoy, the entrance to the harbor channel.

"If every bullet fired from the butts struck the targets out seaward the danger zone would be reduced in size," said Forbes. "But that cannot be relied upon. Most of the balls fired do not pass directly out to a 2000-yard limit, but after striking the water they ricochet, perhaps several times before sinking. In ricocheting the course of the bullets is deflected somewhat by the water current, which generally sets westward at that point, this tending to carry them toward the mouth of the channel."

No action was taken on the chairman's recommendation today. It will be submitted again as part of the report of the special committee appointed by the commission to investigate the subject, at which time it probably will be approved and carried to the governor with a request for executive action by him.

the heart of the English channel, within sight of the coast of France, about 70 miles from Portland and 40 from Cherbourg. It could be used as a submarine base, though nothing of the kind appears to have been attempted.

A new safe in the postoffice at Uxbridge, Mass., was dynamited.

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LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT IS WITHOUT SHIP

A wireless message to Lighthouse Inspector A. E. Arledge, received last night, stated that the tender Kukui, which sailed for San Francisco at 2 p. m. Monday last, was 282 miles out at 7 o'clock last night, and that all aboard were well. At this rate it will take the Kukui about 10 days to reach San Francisco, where she will be thoroughly overhauled before proceeding to Alaska for lighthouse duty there. The tender Columbine, which has been designated for this district, will also get an overhauling in San Francisco before coming here, and is not expected at Honolulu until next April. In the meantime any extensive repair work to the lighthouse equipment in the 19th district will have to be done by chartered vessels, and Inspector Arledge will advertise for charter proposals within a short time.

While the removal of the Kukui, and the substitution of a smaller vessel, was unfortunate from a local standpoint, the opinion is that the change is for the good of the service in general, and that politics didn't enter into the deal. The work in Alaska is more strenuous than in any other lighthouse district, some of the runs being 1400 miles one way. For this work the largest tender in the lighthouse service was built, the vessel being almost twice as large as the Kukui. This tender was wrecked a couple of years ago, and there was then talk of substituting the Kukui, but the Columbine was finally sent. The latter vessel proved inadequate for the work,

AUTO AUCTION AT BISHOP PARK IS A BARGAIN SALE

Commencing at 10 o'clock this morning and running into the noon hour the auction of rebuilt motor cars belonging to the von Hamm-Young Co., started several days ago, was continued. Twenty-five cars, all in good running order and spick and span with new paint and polished brass, were lined up in Bishop park, and were knocked down to the highest bidder by Auctioneer Schwarzbach. In most cases the cars went far under the estimates, this being especially so with the high-priced machines.

An American Traveler, in splendid condition, model 1912, went for \$750. A Stevens-Duryea '12, six-cylinder touring car, brought \$850. A low, rakish Overland, that attracted considerable attention at the first sale last Saturday, was finally sold for \$760. A Chalmers brought \$450, and so on down the line.

and pending the securing of an appropriation for a Alaskan vessel, the Kukui, as next in size, was ordered north.

It is believed that as soon as a new tender is built for Alaska, the Kukui will be returned to the 19th district, and her home port of Honolulu.

Paraguay has decided that the purchase and sale of all hides produced in the republic shall be a government monopoly.

Railway, N. J., is to free all monkeys owned by organ grinders.

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